

VELIE CONCERN IN A WAR ORDER SUIT

Henry C. Hill Claims to Have Sold Three Hundred Moline Trucks to the French.

NOW HE WANTS COMMISSIONS
Back from Paris, Broker Begins Court Action in Chicago to Recover Money Due.

Henry C. Hill is back from Paris and the land of war orders to fight for commissions on the millions of dollars' worth of war orders which he says he obtained.

He started court action yesterday in Chicago to get \$52,250 commission on a \$1,000,000 contract which he says he placed for the Velle Motor Vehicle company of Moline.

Two suits were filed by Mr. Hill. One is against the Velle firm and is for \$16,080. The other is directed against Louis Rosett, said to be a New York lawyer, who made a brokerage contract with the Velle company and then made a subcontract with Hill.

According to Sidney S. Gorham, Hill's contract with the Velle company and his subcontract with Rosett were made simultaneously, the contract with the company providing Hill was to get 5 per cent of the list price of every Velle motor truck which he sold to the French government, and the contract with Rosett allowing Hill 20 per cent of Rosett's net profits.

Hill's suit against the company asserts he sold 300 motor trucks, of which the list price is \$1,000,000. Of these trucks the company has collected for 90, getting \$321,000. Hill says he is now entitled to \$16,080, and should get \$50,250 when France pays for all the trucks.

The suit against Rosett was for \$13,440. Hill obtained an attachment for this sum, and the attachment was served at the office of the Velle agency, at 2530 South Michigan avenue, Chicago. It is said the attachment will prevent the company from paying any commissions to Rosett.

Here to Rush Orders.
"Mr. Hill, I believe, is a former assistant sales manager for the Jeffery people," said Attorney Gorham. "About a year ago he made for Paris. He found out what the French government needed. He made the contracts with Velle and Rosett."

"Besides Mr. Hill, he made contracts with other automobile truck manufac-

turers, with the Jeffery people, I understand, and with others.

"What he has got has come out of six months' work. His contract with the Velle people, I believe, provides he shall be their agent in dealing with France as long as the war lasts."

"Mr. Hill has returned to the United States to visit the plants putting out the trucks he has contracted for, and to see that the goods are rushed."

TAVENNER NAILS NAVAL PATRIOTS

Answer Is Made by Congressman to Claims Made in Behalf of Morgan and Others.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner has given out the appended copy of a note he has addressed to the Navy league in response to its criticism of his Cooper Union speech in which he attacked the league, alleging it to be an auxiliary of the munitions trust. The league has threatened to make Congressman Tavenner prove his charge under stress of a suit for damages.

Nov. 24, 1915.—A. H. Dadmun, Secretary of the Navy League, Washington, D. C.—My Dear Mr. Dadmun: I notice in your statement of yesterday that you state J. Pierpont Morgan is an "American patriot." Evidently you miss my point. I do not charge that Mr. Morgan is not an "American patriot." I charge that he is a war-trafficker, and that he is a director of the Navy league, which is advocating larger appropriations for the war-traffickers.

I also note that you state Mr. Morgan has contributed only \$125 to the Navy league. I understand that the J. Pierpont Morgan estate contributed \$2,000 on June 10. Will you please inform the public whether this is correct and what individual or individuals made this contribution on behalf of the Morgan estate?

I also understand that Elbert H. Gary, who is described in the directory of directors for 1914 as "chairman of the board of directors and chairman of the finance committee of the United States Steel corporation," contributed \$1,000 on the same date.

Will not the Navy league please issue a special statement to cover these two contributions and also state whether the board of directors of the Navy league is considering the advisability of going on record in favor of the government manufacture of munitions, battleships, submarines, etc., in order that the people may obtain a dollar's worth of preparedness for every dollar of their money appropriated, which they have not been getting in the past?

Very respectfully,
CLYDE H. TAVENNER.

Skat Tournament.
Several local players are planning to take part in the third annual tournament and convention of the Middle West Skat league at the Turner hall, Davenport, tonight and tomorrow afternoon. Play will be started early this evening and continue until midnight. The tournament last year was held at Peoria.

PIONEER RECALLS OLD MOLINE DAYS

William Jackson of Rock Island Gives Interesting Recital Before the Bluff Men's Club.

ONE OF FIRST DEERE WORKERS
Discusses Men Responsible for Up-building of City to Great Manufacturing Center.

Members of the Moline Bluff Men's club were carried back three-quarters of a century last evening and listened to a vivid description of a three-cabin village in 1835, heard of the early expansion of the village, learned of the early pioneers, whose history is inseparably intertwined with Moline's growth, and were carried forward again with the story of development of a manufacturing metropolis whose products are today known throughout the civilized world.

William Jackson of Rock Island, a pioneer of Moline, one of the first employees in the Deere plow shop and a resident of this city for years, was the speaker. Choosing as his topic, "The Early History of Moline," Mr. Jackson held intense interest of those composing the cosmopolitan membership of the Bluff Men's club. The address—a narrative of those responsible for growth of the plow city—was also a review of the political and moral environment of early Moline.

On arrival in Moline Mr. Jackson found a primitive village. "I saw before me, as I came to the top of the hill," he said last evening, "a very small town with a few houses scattered at what is today known as the Five Points. There was one large blacksmith shop and beyond that the Deere shop."

Starts at \$15 a Month.

This was in 1833, explained the speaker, a short time after John Deere had embarked in the plow business for himself after dissolving the Deere & Gould partnership. Mr. Jackson entered the Deere shop at \$15 a month, on which he and his mother both lived. Their residence was on the northwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fifteenth street, where the State bank now stands. This was rented for \$4 a month.

When Moline was laid out in 1843, the town was given the name it today bears, explained the speaker. Two years previous, however, it was called the Rock Island Mills. The plot of that time was never recorded and two years later the official name became Moline.

That the early history of Moline cannot be separated from the history of the men who made the village, and that these were men of positive, determined characteristics, who, by force of their personalities gave to the city its best moral and political fiber, which has lasted till today, was one of the assertions of Mr. Jackson. High in the list of those names is that of D. D. Sears.

Tribute to Sears.
Sears came here in 1835, a native of

New York. He acquired 1,100 acres of land and attracted to him men of only the best type. "Other men whose characters determined what the city of Moline should be soon came," continued the speaker. "There came John Deere. There came John Dean. There came Spencer White, Judge Gould, D. C. Dimock, Timothy Wood and others equally deserving of mention. And looking down the list we will find a better class of men in Moline during its formative period than in any other place at the time."

Mr. Jackson told of Mr. Sears' confidence in the potential possibilities of this locality, so marked that he was often called visionary. One of his ideas was to sell stock for a railway from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi. The scheme was called an impossibility by many, but completion of the road marked a great epoch in the history of Moline. "Mr. Sears was able to put his ear to the ground and hear the coming of the multitude," said the Rock Island attorney.

Real building of Moline, the manufacturing city, started with erection of the first power dam, from the bank of the Mississippi, which furnished waterpower to start factory wheels. Mr. Sears, Judge Spencer and Spencer H. White of Rock Island were prime workers in the movement. A saw and grist mill was built at the south end of the dam and then a four-story flour mill was erected by Sears. A paper mill, operated by the firm of Fergus & Wheelock, also was added.

Tells of Deere Factory.

The year spent in the employ of John Deere, in which he and his mother subsisted on \$15.00 a month, was the most happy of his life, declared the speaker. The Deere factory in which he worked was a building 25x80 feet. Mr. Jackson first worked on a bolt cutter and then on a drilling machine, drilling every hole in every Deere plow which left the factory in those days.

The speaker traced the manufacturing progress of the city, with erection of a new dam and new mill on Benham's island. The commencement of the Dimock & Gould enterprise and work of Gilbert and Pitts and Charles Atkinson were cited.

Mr. Jackson's address was preceded by the monthly business session of the club, in which a communication from Congressman Clyde Tavenner, agent of the Colona bridge proposition, was read. The congressman promised to do all in his power to secure a permit to span the stream and stated he desires to serve the club in every way possible.

Mr. Johns Reports.

Report of Louis Johns, chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting to endeavor to secure elevation of tracks, was that the committee has met with the East End Improvement association and the Manufacturers' association, and that all are in favor of the project. The East End association has appointed a committee to investigate the matter.

Announcement was made by President Fred Graffund that F. D. Vetter of the Iowa National bank will be speaker at the meeting Dec. 17. What River Improvement Means to a City will be his topic. J. P. Wilson will speak on state highways at the January session.

One of the features of last evening's meeting was presentation of a bouquet to President Graffund in honor of his 35th birthday anniversary. The presentation was made by C. J. Seymour, who stated that the flowers came from an old sweetheart of Mr. Graffund's. Decision was also reached to donate \$10 to the Second Congregational church Christmas fund.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Judge W. T. Church in circuit court this morning overruled motion of the proponents in the Smith will case to take the matter from the jury. The court intimated that the gold digging on the farm of the testator was not any indication of insanity but that sufficient evidence had been produced by the contestants to allow the jury to pass on the question of the mental soundness of Mr. Smith at the time he made his will, leaving all of his property to one son, George W. Smith and cutting off the widow and all the other children. The contestants claim that the testator was the victim of hallucinations, among which were delusions relative to the identity of some of his relatives. It is intimated that further motions will be made when court convenes Monday. The jury is to report Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Motion for the probate of Bell Newsome, colored, inmate of the county jail, was denied by Judge Church in circuit court yesterday afternoon. Newsome, who was indicted for assault with intent to kill, but who was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, was given a year in county jail and was ordered to work out a fine of \$100 and costs at the rate of \$1.50 a day. The order was entered on Nov. 6, 1914, by Judge Olmsted, and as Newsome still has several months to serve, the motion was denied. C. S. Roberts appeared for the inmate.

Perry Pralley was sent to county jail for an indefinite period by Judge Church yesterday afternoon for contempt of court after failing to comply with the court's order that he should give his wife \$30 a month alimony and furnish \$100 attorney's fees.

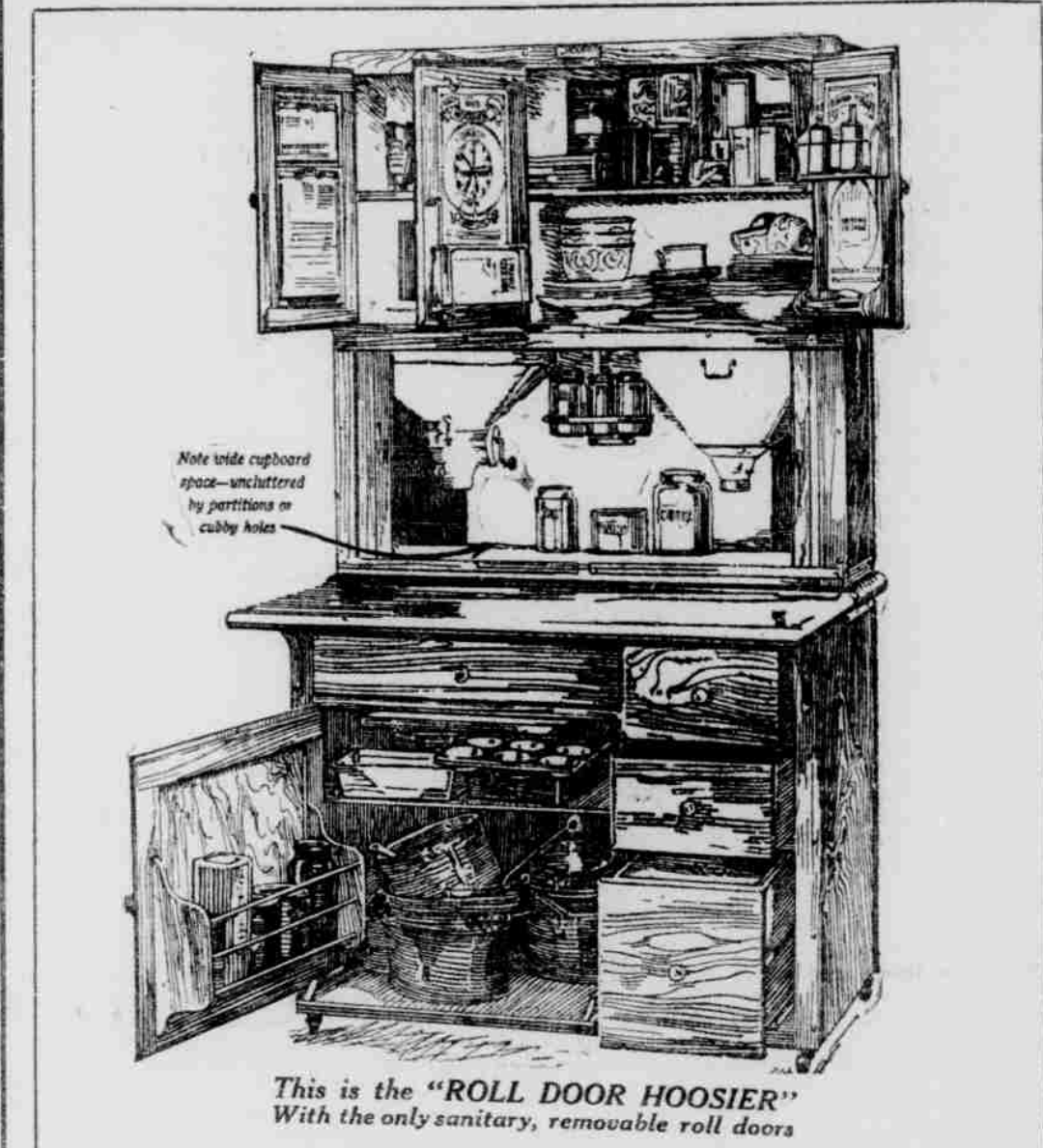
Mrs. Mary Nesbit of this city was given \$10 a month mother's pension by Judge N. A. Larson in county court this morning.

Issue Order to Take Over Road.
Springfield, Ill., Nov. 27.—An order authorizing the reorganization of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Western Railroad company and granting it authority to take over the line of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road from Hamilton, Ohio, to Springfield, Ill., was issued today by the Illinois state public utilities commission.

Our Store Is Santa's Headquarters



In keeping with the true fireside spirit of Christmas—you are cordially invited to inspect our extensive stock of home furnishing novelties. You will not be urged to buy here, except perhaps by the wonderfully low prices and exceptionally high quality. And while you are thinking of gifts and home furnishings, consider this: You buy furniture on faith. All you can see is the design and finish. You cannot determine the grade of materials used, or just how well it will serve you. Isn't it worth something in added confidence to you to know that your gift purchase is guaranteed here by the high character of this store? Let us prove to you that we offer the highest grade Christmas furnishings at the most reasonable prices. To those who do not wish their holiday selections delivered for some time and still desire to take advantage of our advance showings, we have made arrangements in our large ware rooms to store your purchase in perfect shape until you wish it delivered.



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WIDOW SEEKS TO RECOVER \$25,000

Mrs. Elizabeth Denny, whose husband was killed in Moline, makes charges against Railroad.

Attorney Charles S. Roberts, representing Mrs. Elizabeth Denny, widow of Dudley L. Denny, who was killed a few weeks ago near the Milwaukee station, Moline, today filed suit for \$25,000 for damages against the D. R. I. & N. W. Railway company in the Moline city court of Judge G. O. Dietz. Mrs. Denny is administratrix of the Denny estate.

Denny was struck by a switch engine Saturday afternoon, Nov. 13, when his foot was caught between the rails and planking on the Twenty-fifth street crossing of the Milwaukee tracks, according to testimony given at the coroner's inquest.

It is alleged by the plaintiff that proper precautions to prevent death and injury to employees was not taken by the road. Among other things it is alleged that the D. R. I. & N. W. operated its cars without automatic couplers, which it is said is a violation of both federal and state laws.

Denny was employed as a switchman.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

PERSONAL POINTS

Mrs. J. W. Welch, 1616 Twenty-second street, is entertaining at a house party, having as her guests Mrs. H. J. Tackenberg and daughter Miss Esther of Medapolis, Iowa, Mrs. W. N. Colby and Miss Harriet Schuler of Burlington, Iowa.

Leopold Huber and Miss Caroline Huber have gone for a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. A. Fixaris, at Marion, Ind.

Miss Marian Long of Minneapolis, Minn., is the guest of relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Carpenter of Harrisburg, Pa., are guests of friends in the tri-cities.

Miss Neva Jenks returned today to her home in Galesburg after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Salzmann.

Miss Ellen Thompson is home from her studies at the University of Chicago to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thompson, 320 Nineteenth street.

Miss Dorothy Vernon is home from Knox college for the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vernon, 830 Twenty-second street.

Miss Margaret Conklin, who is a student at Oberlin, Ohio, is visiting friends in this city during the vacation period.

Mrs. June Fritts-Wanner of Geneseo, Ill., was in the city today.

Mrs. Roy Ferguson and daughter Margaret of Orion, were in the city today.

DEATH OF CHILD IS INVESTIGATED

Gilbert Brown, 14-months-old Colored Boy, Dies Suddenly Following Spell of Choking.

Gilbert Brown, 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Brown, colored, residing at 1536 Sixth avenue, Moline, died at 11:30 last night. The child began to choke shortly before that time and had passed away before Dr. H. A. Beam, who was called, arrived.

The boy had suffered with sore throat last week, but appeared to be in good health when he was put in his bed last evening.

Gilbert was born in Rock Island Sept. 19, 1914. The family has lived in Moline 10 months. Surviving are three sisters, Ruth, Anna and Lucile, and one brother, Howard, all older than the deceased.

It was decided to defer the inquest till late this afternoon, if one is held at all. It seems the child was attended by Dr. C. S. Davis, colored physician of Rock Island, for lung trouble two months ago. It is thought there may be some connection between this and his sudden death last night and the coroner and Davis will confer before an inquest is called.

Funeral services will be held from the house at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon and interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

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As long as there are children to be gladdened by the coming of Santa Claus—as long as human hearts beat for others' happiness; just so long will Christmas be a joy to this old world of ours. Sorry, indeed, is the state of the man or woman to whom this happy Christmas season does not bring the wish, and the opportunity, to testify at this holiday time that—

"We live for those who love us, and the good that we may do."

Monday Begins the Tide of Holiday Shopping. Just 22 Business Days Until Christmas.

Watch the buying-tide swell. Each day after Monday will be busier; each day our store will be brighter and more attractive; each day the Christmas spirit will find fuller expression in scores of ways, all over the store.

And it's not all for the money drawer. This store likes to help; and in many ways it can and does help its customers—ways that are amply paid for by a simple "Thank You." Try us and see. Bring your holiday problems here.

Shop in the Mornings.

It will help us a lot if those of our customers who can manage it will do their trading from now until Christmas, in the mornings.

We'll make it an object to try.

Until Christmas Day we will give Morning Trading Tokens to every customer who buys over 25c anywhere in our store, except Groceries, between 8 o'clock and 12 o'clock, noon, each day.

Save these Morning Trading Tokens. When you have bought \$5.00 worth or over, you may choose, free, from a big variety of Morning Trading gifts, such as these:

Salad Bowls, Celery Trays, Nickel Coffee Pots, Silver Mounted Umbrellas, Children's Rocking Chairs, Pictures, Jardinières, Rugs, Cut Glass, Carpet Sweepers, Shirt Waist Boxes, Rocking Chairs.

And so on. The more you trade here mornings from now until Christmas, the more valuable your Morning Trading Free Gifts will be. Come in and see.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS And a Present for all my little friends. Bring this card to meet FISK & LOOSLEY'S Store, Moline, Illinois, any day after Thursday, December 9. SANTA CLAUS

Don't throw these tickets away. Keep them and give them to the children. When Santa Claus comes to our store he will have a pretty present to give for every one of these tickets that the children bring to him.